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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 12 December 2000.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-6 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-6 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 08 March 2001 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

1. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

2. Claims 1-6 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Carter et al (U.S. 5,987,506) and Voit (U.S. 6,205,139).

As per claim 1 Carter disclosed in a data communication system of the type wherein a first information-processing device communicates with a second information-processing device, the improvement comprising including additional data in a request from said first information-processing device to said second information-processing device wherein, in accordance with said additional data (col. 4, lines 16-37),

However Carter did not disclose in detail said second information-processing device effects communication between said first information-processing device and one of a plurality of third information-processing devices.

In the same field of endeavor Voit disclosed to allow data communication of HLR data registered in the ISCPs 240, 250, to visitor location registers in remote MCs, the network further includes a hub STP 253. The hub which currently carries IS-41 data messaged between existing MCs outside the PCS service area.

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It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention was made to have incorporated to allow data communication of HLR data registered in the ISCPs 240, 250, to visitor location registers in remote MCs, the network further includes a hub STP 253. The hub which currently carries IS-41 data messaged between existing MCs outside the PCS service area. as taught by Voit in the method of Carter to avoid remote accessing complications and improve the communication among the users in a network.

3. As per claim 2 Carter-Voit disclosed wherein said additional data indicates a geographic location of said first information -processing device (Voit, col. 16, lines 39-46).

4. As per claim 3 Carter-Voit disclosed wherein said additional data does not exceed one byte in length (Carter, col. 10, lines 51-62).

5. As per claim 4 Carter-Voit disclosed wherein communication between said first information processing device, said second information-processing device, and said plurality of third information-processing devices is performed over the internet (col. 4, lines 16-37).

6. As per claim 5 Carter-Voit disclosed wherein communication between said first information-processing device, said information-processing device, and said second information-processing device, and said plurality of third information-processing devices is performed using TCP/IP format (Voit, col. 26, lines 31-44).

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7. As per claim 6 Carter-Voit disclosed wherein said second information-processing device includes a database which includes addresses of each of said plurality of third information-processing devices corresponding to said additional data (Carter, col. 6, lines 23-36).

Conclusion

8. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communication from the examiner should be directed to Adnan Mirza whose telephone number is (703)-305-4633.

9. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday to Friday during normal business hours.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Dharia Rupal can be reached on (703)-305-4003. The fax for this group is (703)-746-7239.

10. The fax phone numbers for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned are as follows:

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